

## Message Text

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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SP

SUBJ: LETTER TO SECRETARY FROM FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: STATE 174067

IN LETTER DATED AUGUST 14, FOREIGN MINISTER HAS REQUESTED  
AMBASSADOR TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING REPLY TO SECRETARY'S  
MESSAGE CONVEYED IN REFTEL.

BEGIN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF LETTER:

QUOTE

MR. SECRETARY OF STATE:

I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 9,  
WHICH WAS TRANSMITTED TO ME BY THE US AMBASSADOR IN MADRID,  
REGARDING THE ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE BY PRESIDENT GERALD FORD.  
AS WE ARE FRIENDS OF YOUR COUNTRY, WE HAVE FOLLOWED THIS  
IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT WITH THE GREATEST INTEREST AND FEELING.

I DO NOT HAVE THE LEAST DOUBT THAT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN  
THE UNITED STATES AND SPAIN WILL CONTINUE TO GROW IN  
STRENGTH IN THE NEW PRESIDENTIAL PERIOD ON THE BASES NOTED  
IN YOUR LETTER OF CONTINUITY OF POLICY AND RESPECT FOR  
INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS. AN ASSURANCE OF THIS IS YOUR  
CONTINUATION AS SECRETARY OF STATE, FOR WHICH I CONGRATULATE  
YOU VERY SINCERELY AND AT THE SAME TIME CONGRATULATE  
MYSELF PERSONALLY.

YOUR WARM FRIEND,  
PEDRO CORTINA

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END QUOTE.

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NOTE BY OC/T: EXDIS CAPTION ADDED PER S/S-O, MR. JOHNSON.

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